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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S EUROPEAN TRIP

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1. CHARGE MET MAY 10 WITH STARCEVIC TO PASS ON NAMES OF ADVANCE PARTY AND TENTATIVE LIST OF OFFICIAL PARTY AND TO REVIEW CURRENT STATE OF YUGOSLAV PLANNING. FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE YUGOSLAVS HAVE DEVELOPED WHICH WHILE STILL PROVISIONAL IS BEGINNING TO LOOK SOMEWHAT FIRM ACCORDING TO STARCEVIC.

FRIDAY MAY 20

1445 -- ARRIVAL. YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT DORONJSKI WILL GREET. STARCEVIC SAID FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES DORONJSKI WILL BE HOST. GOY HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH PRESS STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL IF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE SO DESIRES.

APPROXIMATELY 4 PM -- MEETING AND TALKS WITH DORONJSKI (VENUE: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BUIDLING)

2000 -- DINNER HOSTED BY DORONJSKI (VENUE: UNDECIDED)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

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WORKING BREAKFAST (VENUE: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VILLA) WITH EITHER PRIME MINISTER DJURANOVIC OR FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV OR OTHER YUGOSLAV LEADERS OF "GENERATION VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE DEALING WITH IN NEXT 4-8 YEARS."

MEETING WITH TITO NOT TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE 11:00 AM. STARCEVIC SAID TITO DOES NOT MEET WITH ANYONE BEFORE

THAT TIME. HE SAID VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE TIED UP UNTIL 1500 ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW HOW TIME WOULD BE BROKEN DOWN INTO MEETINGS, LUNCH OR MEETING WITH PRESS. HE WAS NOT SURE WHO WOULD HOST LUNCH. SEE PARA 4 BELOW FOR DISQUIETING NOTE.

AFTERNOON/EVENING FREE FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHER OFFICIALS, A PUBLIC EVENT, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES.

IN VIEW OF DEPARTURE TIME FOR SUNDAY, MAY 22, NO PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR THAT DAY.

2. MRS. MONDALE: AFTER REVIEWING NAMES OF OFFICIAL PARTY, STARCEVIC REQUESTED CONFIRMATION THAT MRS. MONDALE AND OTHER SPOUSES WILL NOT BE ALONG.

3. VILLA: CHARGE ASKED FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON VILLA GOY WOULD OFFER FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S USE. STARCEVIC SAID THE VILLA GOY PRESENTLY HAS IN MIND CONTAINS IN ADDITION TO LARGE DINING AND LIVING ROOMS AND OFFICE DOWNSTAIRS, THREE APARTMENTS IN UPSTAIRS PORTION COMPRISING ABOUT EIGHT ROOMS. AFTER CHARGE REMARKED THAT VICE PRESIDENT WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE OFFER OF VILLA BUT MIGHT INSTEAD ELECT TO STAY IN HOTEL TO BE CLOSE TO STAFF, STARCEVIC SAID THAT GOY WAS NOT ONLY BEING HOSPITABLE IN THIS RESPECT BUT THAT IT FELT IT AN OBLIGATION TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE LODGING NEEDS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT IN ITS OWN FACILITY WITHOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT HAVING TO STAY IN A HOTEL. STARCEVIC REPEATED THIS POINT SEVERAL TIMES. HE PROMISED TO INFORM CHARGE ASAP PRECISELY WHICH VILLA WOULD BE OFFERED.

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4. MEETING WITH TITO:
FOR FIRST TIME STARCEVIC RAISED DISQUIETING POSSIBILITY THAT THE MEETING WITH TITO MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE IN BELGRADE ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THIS WAS DIM. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO BE MORE PRECISE AT THIS TIME. (NOTE: IF MEETING WITH TITO TAKES PLACE OUTSIDE OF BELGRADE, WORKING BREAKFAST WOULD HAVE TO BE SCRUBBED.)

5. PUBLIC EVENT. CHARGE MENTIONED INTEREST OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC EVENT, POSSIBLY NOVI SAD FAIR. STARCEVIC SAID THIS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER 3:00 P.. SATURDAY. WITH ONLY USE OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN MIND, HE NOTED THAT DRIVE TO AND FROM NOVI SAD (ABOUT HOUR EACH WAY) PLUS ABOUT TWO HOURS AT FAIR WOULD SEVERELY LIMIT POSSIBILITY OF VICE PRESIDENT MEETING WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP DURING COURSE OF THAT DAY. SEEMINGLY OFF

TOP OF HIS HEAD, STARCEVIC SUGGESTED POSSIBLE TOUR BY
VICE PRESIDENT OF SMALL BELGRADE BOHEMIAN QUARTER OR ALONG
MAJOR SHOPPING STREET AT WHICH TIME VICE PRESIDENT WOULD
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YUGOSLAVS ON THE STREET.

6. OTHER MEETINGS: CHARGE AGAIN MENTIONED INTEREST IN
MEETINGS WITH KARDELJ, DOLANC, GLIGORIV. STARCEVIC SAID
THESE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT, ESPECIALLY
REGARDING KARDELJ WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN TITO MEETING.
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